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COMPLAINTS AGAINST SPORTS FEDERATIONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints against several sports associations/National Sports Federations regarding misuse of Government funds during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)to(c) : While Government do receive complaints about the functioning of Sports Federations from sportspersons, other interested parties, public representatives such as MPs and MLAs, representative for a such as the Parliamentary Forum on Youth and even the Floor of the House, and also give attention to reports appearing in the media, at present there is no specific complaint under investigation relating to the misuse Government funds by Sports Associations/ Federations.

There were 884 outstanding Utilization Certificates (UCs) from National Sports Federations/IOA amounting to Rs. 25.78 crores approximately on 1st January, 2006 which have now been reduced (as on 1st September, 2007) to 214 amounting to Rs. 6.61 crores approximately. In November`06, Ministry of Finance`s permission was obtained to continue funding the National Sports Federations (NSFs) having pending UCs, till 31st December`06 which was later extended till 31st March`07.

Keeping in view special requirements such as the training of medal-winning prospects for the Commonwealth Games 2010, a decision was taken by the Ministry in May`07 to continue funding the (NSFs) having no UCs pending in the post-2000 period subject to continuous efforts for settling pending UCs pertaining to the pre-2000 period.

In terms of the General Financial Rules (GFR), the CAG audits the accounts of all NSFs/IOA who receive more than Rs.1.00 crore funding from Government in the course of any given financial year. Provision has been made under the scheme `Assistance to National Sports Federations` to suspend or even de-recognize NSFs in the event of their being found guilty of financial irregularities. So far no NSF has been proceeded against under these provisions.

The draft Comprehensive National Sports Policy 2007 aims at ensuring that all NSFs/IOA function in an `open, democratic, equitable, transparent and accountable` manner.